

Government Oversight Committee

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Grants Enterprise Management System

★ Grant Training – FY 2006

- 450+ people trained
 - Grantsmanship Training Series offered through DAS
 - Des Moines and Bettendorf
 - 2005 Iowa Grant Symposium
 - 220 attendees

★ Competitive Grant Activity – July 1, 2005 to May 19, 2006

- Total of \$24+ million applications pending
- \$7.5 million awarded
- 16 pending Intent Notifications – application not yet submitted

★ GEM\$ Legislation (SF2338)

- Two-step process
 - Step One
 - State Agencies - “grant ready”
Agencies will learn techniques in creating a process for proactively finding and selecting grants, which will maximize the agency’s mission and avoid wasting resources by pursuing the wrong grant.
 - Step Two
 - Provide technical assistance
Agencies will receive technical assistance throughout the grant identification and application process – to pursue funding for a program identified in Step One
 - Agencies will have the option of choosing to participate in only Step One or both Steps One and Two.
- Currently contacting potential technical advisors
- Developing an agency selection process
 - The initial agency response to this opportunity has been tremendous, indicating that we need to identify selection criteria.

★ **2006 Iowa Grant Symposium –**

- August 16, 2006 at the Sheraton WDM Hotel
- Expanding beyond government entities

★ **Database Update –**

- In the final testing stages
- Working with the Iowa Association of Regional Councils to discuss implementation strategies
- Benefits of the new system
 - streamlined sign-in process
 - allow for ad hoc reporting
 - add the Iowa Association of Regional Councils to the reporting stream

★ **uGrants (Universal Grant System)**

- Pilot agencies are in the testing phase

★ **Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and Exhibit**

- Workshop presentation on GEM\$ and benefits to local government